

MICHIGAN SUPREME COURT



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VETERAN EMPLOYEES HONORED BY MICHIGAN COURT OF APPEALS

LANSING, MI, June 27, 2006 – The Michigan Court of Appeals honored its veteran employees in recent ceremonies at each of the court’s four district offices.

“The hard work of the justice system is done by these employees and many others like them, whose work, although essential, largely goes unheralded,” said Chief Judge William C. Whitbeck. “These people deserve to be honored for their contributions to our state’s judicial branch. The Court of Appeals’ core mission is to decide the cases that come before it with due deliberation and due speed. The court could not accomplish that mission without these employees.”

Ceremonies were held at the court’s Detroit and Troy district offices on June 20 and at the Lansing and Grand Rapids district offices on June 22.

The honorees are:

District I - Detroit office

Lorraine Stokes (30 years)
Ilene Szurek (20 years)
Maria Fernandez (15 years)
Betty Jackson (15 years)
Linda Freund (10 years)
Linda Metzger (10 years)
Johanna Rush (10 years)
Laura George (5 years)
Abbey Mercure (5 years)
Nell Stewart (5 years)
Don Williford (5 years)

District II - Troy office

Cherrie Sharpe (30 years)
Angela DiSessa (15 years)
Lily Cavanagh (10 years)
Darcena Roberts (5 years)
Melissa Taylor (5 years)

District III - Grand Rapids office

Patricia Murray (10 years)

Dale Crowley (5 years)

John VandenHomborgh (5 years)

District IV - Lansing office

Claudette Frame (30 years)

Ann Herzberg (20 years)

Thomas Rasdale (20 years)

Larry Royster (20 years)

Bobbie Dembowski (15 years)

Mark McElwee (15 years)

Martha Sutton (15 years)

Sloan Banfield-Knight (5 years)

Gerri Kozachik (5 years)

Cameron Smith (5 years)

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